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Applicants : Yoshihiko GOTOH et al

For : METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING QUARTZ GLASS INGOT  
AND A MANUFACTURING APPARATUS

Atty. Docket No.: Ishii Case 17

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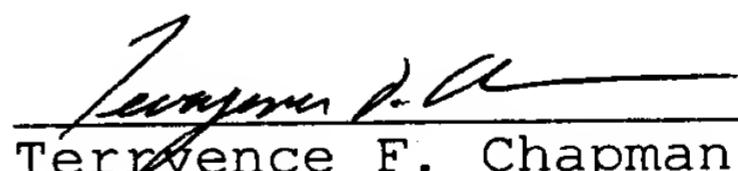
**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend Claims 4, ~~7~~, 8 and 12 as shown on the attached marked-up page. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121, a replacement page showing the amended claims in clean form is also attached.

**REMARKS**

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